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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ-794 FOR THE PERIOD 131600Z TO 141600Z JULY. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE AND TACTICAL AIR ACTIVITY. 1. U.S. NAVY PILOTS REPORTED SIGHTING SIX SAMJQS DURING THE P.M. STRIKES ON THE CO TRAI RAIL AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE (20-41-40N 105-54-55E), UP THE LATE 0800Z HOUR: ONE OF WHICH DOWNED AN A4C AND A SECOND WHICH DAMAGED ANOTHER A4C. ELINT REFLECTED AT LEAST FIVE FANSONGS ACTIVE DURING THIS TIME FRAME, AND COMINT REFLECTED THE LAUNCH OF TWO MISSILES EACH BY V1475 AND TENTATIVELY V1443. (SEE SECTION THREE-PART ALFA-ITEM ONE). 2. DURING THE U.S. NAVY STRIKES IN THE LATE 0400Z HOUR ON THE NINH LAO R.M.R. SIDING (20-38-14N 105-55-23E), PILOTS REPORTED SIGHTING FIVE SAME'S: ONE OF WHICH DAMAGED AN A4C. ELINT REFLECTED FIVE FANSONGS ACTIVE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. COMINT REFLECTED A LAUNCHING OF TWO MISSILES TENTATIVELY BY V1443. (SEE SECTION THREE-PART ALFA-ITEM TWO). 3. RECENT SAM ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE DRV SAM STRUCTURE MAY BE IN A STATE OF FLUX. (SEE SECTION THREE-PART ALFA-ITEM THREE). SECTION TWO - FIGHTER ACTIVITY. PART JJFA NEGATIVE TO REPORT. PART BRAVO SIXTEEN MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FOR 14 JULY: 8 FROM PHUC YEN AND 8 FROM HANOI GIA LAM. ACTIVITY WAS SCHEDULED FOR BOTH DAY AND NIGHT HOURS OVER NORMAL COURSE TRAINING AREAS. A MINIMUM OF ONE SORTIE WAS FLOWN, FROM PHUC YEN. THIS ACTIVITY OCCURRED BETWEEN 0958Z AND 1020Z AND CONSISTED OF ONE KORCOM PILOT CONDUCTING A TEST/CHECK-OUT FLIGHT IN A MING-17. READ: TIME OF ACTIVITY/NUMBER OF SORTIES/TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/PILOT NATIONALITY, IF OTHER THAN VIETNAMESE/TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND ARE/ALTITUDES/PSEDS/COMMENTS, INCLUDING ELINT CORRELATIONS. 1. KEP. ACTIVITY: NEGATIVE TO REPORT. THE LAST IDENTIFIED MIG ACTIVITY FROM THIS AIRFIELD WAS AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT OF SIX KORCOM-PILOTED MIG-17'S TO PHUC YEN ON 28 JUNE. SINCE THAT DATE, NO MIG ACTIVITY HAS OCCURRED FROM THIS BASE: HOWEVER, FROM TIME TO TIME THE KEP AIRFIELD CONTROLLER WILL BECOME ACTIVE DURING HOSTILE STRIKES IN THE KEP AREA OR WHEN KORCOM PILOTS ACTIVE FROM PHUC YEN ARE IN THE GENERAL AREA. AT TIMES THE KEP CONTROLLER HAS BEEN NOTED QUEECJING THE KORCOM PILOTS IF THEY ARE COMING/GOING TO KEP. ALL REPLIES HAVE BEEN IN THE NEGATIVE. KEP WILL BE DROPPED FROM DAILY REPORTING AS OF THIS DATE. WHEN AND IF THIS AIRFIELD SHOULD RESUME OPERATIONS, IT WILL BE REINSTITUTED IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THIS REPORT. 2. PHUC YEN 0958-1020Z/ONE MIG-17/KORCOM/TEST-CHECKOUT FLT - VIC OF AFLD/NTR/NTR/THIS KORCOM PILOT WAS OBVIOUSLY TESTING THE AFTERBURNER ON THE MIG AND WAS INSTRUCTED TO "TURN IT ON...TURN IT OFF AND THEN TURN IT ON AGAIN." REFERENCES WERE MADE TO "FLAME COMING OUT," RPM READINGS OF 10,000 AND 10,500 WERE GIVEN, WITH TAIL-PIPE TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 610 TO 750

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DEGREES. WX: 0000Z - 800FT SCTD, 2600FT SCTD, VIS 7NMS, RAIN. 0400Z - 900 FT SCTD, 2300FT SCTD, 5000FT BRKN, 12,000FT OVC, VIS 7NMS, CLEAR. 0500Z - 13,000FT SCTD, HIGH BRKN, VIS 7NMS, CLEAR. LE 3. HANOI GIA LAM ACTIVITY: NEGATIVE TO REPORT. WX: 0000Z - 800FT BRKN, HIGH OVC, VIS 7NMS, CLEAR. 0400Z - 700FT SCTD, 2600FT SCTD, HIGH OVC, VIS 7NMS, CLEAR. 0300Z - 2000FT SCTD, 13,000FT BRKN, VIS 7NMS, CLEAR. SECTION THREE - SAM/AAA ACTIVITY PART ALFA 1. DURING THE U.S. NAVY STRIKES IN THE LATE 0800Z HOUR ON THE CO TRAI RAIL AND HIWAY BRIDGE (20-41-40N 105-54-55E), PILOTS REPORTED SIGHTING APPROXIMATELY SIX SAM'S, ONE OF WHICH DOWNED AN A4C AND A SECOND DAMAGED ANOTHER A4C. ELINT REFLECTED AT LEAST FIVE FANSONGS ACTIVE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, AND COMINT REFLECTED THE LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES, EACH BY VI475 AND , TENTATIVELY (VI443), AND THE DOWNING OF ONE AIRCRAFT AND PROBABLE DAMAGING OF A SECOND. BETWEEN 0835 AND 0927Z, AND AGAIN BETWEEN 0940 AND 0959Z, SAM BN (VI475 AND TENTATIVELY (VI443) WERE NOTED ACTIVE INVOICE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST HANOI REGI-MENTAL CONTROLLER. AT APPROX 0838Z, THE SOUND OF TWO MISSILES LAUNCHES WERE HEARD THROUGH OPEN MIKE CONDITIONS AND VI475 REPORTED FIRING TWO MISSILES AND OBSERVING BOTH EXPLODE AT THE TARGET, WHICH WAS THEN NOTED BURNING. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT THE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT A TARGET AT 13,123 FT ALTITUDE AT AZIMUTH/RANGE OF 100 DEGREES 8.6 NMS AND 108 DEGREES 8.6 NMS. AT APPROX 0840 AND 0845Z A FANSONG WAS INTERCEPTED IN THE VICINITY OF 20-36N 106-00E, CORRELATING TO THIS LAUNCH BY VI475. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT ON INGRESS TOWARDS 553 5-4+35 9, - 43-18, + 9: 280 DEGREES A FLIGHT OF EIGHT A4C'S RECEIVED FANSONG HIGH PRF ELINT ON THEIR ELECTRONIC SAM WARNING SYSTEMS AND OBSERVED THREE SAM'S FIRED AT THEM FROM THE VICINITY OF 20-36N 105-54E. THE FIRST MISSILE DETONATED NEAR SUNGLASS 687 CAUSING LIGHT DAMAGE, AND THE SECOND DETONATED NEAR ANOTHER A4C BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE. THE THIRD MISSILE WENT HIGH OVER THE FLIGHT. SHORTLY AFTERWARD WHILE IN THE TARGET AREA, ELINT WARNING OF SAM LAUNCHES WERE AGAIN RECEIVED AND TWO SAM'S WERE SEEN TO LIFT OFF FROM THE NORTH. THE FIRST MISSILE DETONATED NEXT TO SUNGLASS 688 WHILE THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS BOMBING RUN OVER THE TARGET. THE A4C SUBSEQUENTLY BEGAN TO BURN AND THE PILOT EJECTED. THE SECOND MISSILE DETONATED HIGH. XXHH 900 NNNN

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